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SUBJECT: US-EC DIALOGUE: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT
DECLARATION BY THE EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5904 (NOTAL)

1. A WORKING GROUP OF THE EC PERM REPS MET IN BRUSSELS ON OCTOBER 13 TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE CHANGES SUGGESTED BY THE US TO THE EC DRAFT DECLARATION (ON THE BASIS OF GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING OF OCTOBER 11-12). THE WORKING GROUP MET AGAIN IN LUXEMBOURG ON OCTOBER 16 TO CONTINUE ITS WORK (THE MOVE TO LUXEMBOURG WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF AN EC COUNCIL MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS THERE ON OCTOBER 15).

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2. THE WORKING GROUP REVIEWED THOSE PARTS OF THE DECLARATION WHICH COME UNDER THE COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY IN FURTHER PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL ON OCTOBER 18. IN SOME CASES IT DRAFTED NEW LANGUAGE; IN OTHERS IT FORMULATED QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO STOESSEL FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE US INTENT AND IN OTHERS IT MERELY ELABORATED ON THE COMMENTS PREPARED PREVIOUSLY (EC BRUSSELS 5787) BY THE EC PERM REPS.

3. THE RESULTS OF THE WORKING GROUP'S WORK WERE REVIEWED BY THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERM REPS (AMBASSADORS) WHO THEN TRANSMITTED THEIR REPORT TO THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS WHO ARE MEETING IN COPENHAGEN TODAY (OCTOBER 17). AN EC PERM REP SOURCE INFORMED US THAT THE PERM REPS WERE UNABLE TO TAKE ACTION ON ALL THE PARAGRAPHS IN THE DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH COME UNDER EC RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT SOME POINTS ARE STILL LEFT OPEN.

4. A COMMISSION SOURCE TOLD US THAT WHEREAS THE FRENCH HAD BEEN QUITE COOPERATIVE IN THE OCTOBER 11-12 EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN COPENHAGEN, THEY TOOK A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT LINE AT THE MEETING OF THE EC PERM REPS ON OCTOBER 13 AND 16, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE INABILITY OF THE PERM REPS TO COVER ALL THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION.

5. THE EC COMMISSION PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF THE PERM REPS ON OCTOBER 13 AND 16. A COMMISSION OFFICIAL (WELLENSTEIN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS) WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN COPENHAGEN ON OCTOBER 17. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED BY THE EC MEMBER STATES WHETHER A COMMISSION OFFICIAL (I.E. WELLENSTEIN) WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 18 WITH STOESSEL. GREENWALD

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